

BUTTE COUNTY
Forensic Resource Team – FOREST (\$999,995 grant)

This project combines elements of the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment and Integrated Dual Diagnoses Treatment models in offering the following interventions/services to an estimated 80 participants:

- Thorough in-custody assessments (i.e., a mental health assessment by a licensed clinician, a medical assessment by a psychiatrist, and an assessment of abuse disorder by a drug/alcohol specialist) and development of an intensive post-custody treatment plan (with integrated services for dually diagnosed individuals, as needed).
- A mental health court with a weekly calendar, single judge, sanctions and incentives as deemed appropriate, and pre-court meetings that include the Deputy District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Officer and Behavioral Health Treatment Staff.
- Intensive case management, treatment and support services provided and or coordinated by two multi-disciplinary teams comprised of a behavioral health counselor, clinician and probation officer. Each team will manage a caseload of approximately 40 offenders (on in the north and the other in the south part of the county). Services include specialized residential treatment, housing (supervised emergency housing in motels, sober living houses, and supported permanent housing), supportive employment and vocational services, and literacy training – and will be provided to participants for an average of one year. In addition, probation staff will conduct regular drug tests on all participants.

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